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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM & FW Department – Dr. P. Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District – Certain allegations on absorbing surplus staff of 104 Old MMUs into UPHCs (Dr.YSR UHCs) by the DM&HO, Prakasam District without prior approval - Departmental Proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of charge – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (VC.II.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.569. **Dated:01.11.2021.**
Read the following:-

From the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.88/VC II-B/2021, dt.24.07.2021.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Dr. P. Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witness by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in (Annexure-II, III & IV).

3. Dr.P.Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District is directed to submit her written statement of defence within (15) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Dr. P. Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Dr.P.Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6 The attention of Dr.P.Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings. It will be presumed that she is aware of such representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr.P.Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District through
the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Gollapudi, A.P, Vijayawada.
(2 copies for service and return).
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Gollapudi, A.P, Vijayawada.
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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ANNEXURE —I

ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST DR. P. RATNAVALI, DISTRICT MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE

That, Dr. P. Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District has violated the orders of the Commissioner Health & Family welfare, A.P., i.e. to identify the surplus staff of 104 services and to intimate the details of appointed Nodal Officers (Name, Designation and contact numbers) to the O/o the Commissioner Health & Family welfare, A.P., Mangalagiri. Instead of implementing these orders, she has absorbed 23 Data Entry Operators and 21 Lab Technicians of 104 surplus staff (Dr.YSR Urban Health Clinics) and requested to release an amount of Rs.22,47,120/- towards payment of salaries to the above staff for the period from February 2021 to June 2021 (05 months), even though Government have issued orders vide G.O. Rt 331 HM&FW(G1) dated 30.06.2021 for their salaries.

Thereby she failed to maintain absolute integrity, discipline and devotion to duty and exhibited behavior unbecoming of a Government Servant and violated Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE —II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST DR. P. RATNAVALI, DISTRICT MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER, PRAKASAM.

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It was come to the notice of the undersigned that Dr. P. Ratnavali, DM&HO, Prakasam District has deviated the orders of the Commissioner Health & Family welfare, A.P. on YSR Urban Clinics / UPHCs for construction of new buildings and refurbishment of existing Government buildings and identification of rented buildings and instructed all the DM&HOs in the state to appoint Additional DM&HO cadre Officer / Senior Medical Officer as District Level Nodal Officer to coordinate with the Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department and other line departments. The designated Nodal Officer should oversee the construction of new buildings, refurbishment of existing Government buildings and identification of rental buildings for YSR Urban Clinics and should see that the YSR Urban Clinics are operational without delay vide letter dated 17-02-2021.

Further the DM&HOs were instructed that the YSR Urban Clinic services should be started in the rented buildings with the newly appointed Medical Officers and the surplus staff identified in 104 services immediately and also to intimate the details of appointed Nodal Officers (Name, Designation and contact numbers) to O/o CH&FW.

The DM&HO, Prakasam has deviated the above orders of the CH&FW and sent a letter stating that she has absorbed the old 104 vehicle staff 18 Lab Technician and 104 surplus staff i.e 23 Data Entry Operators and 3 Lab Technicians into UPHCs (Dr.YSR Urban Health Clinics) and requested this office to release an amount of Rs. 22,47,120/- towards payment of salaries to the above staff for the period from February 2021 and June 2021 (05 months).

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Government have issued orders vide covid instant order 76 dated 08.08.2020 to engage all the 104 surplus staff for covid related activities and claim their salaries from the covid HR funds. These orders were further continued vide covid instant order 98, and 98 B instructing all districts to engage them for covid management and claim their salaries from the budget released under Covid HR.

The DM&HO Prakasam has also indicated the pending salaries of 104 surplus staff working in PHCs, CHCs and accordingly, government have issued GO 331 dated 30.06.2021 clearly indicating the employee wise pending months and amount to be paid till 30.06.2021.

However, the DM&HO, Prakasam has violated the Government orders issued time to time and also sent a letter for release of funds contrarily to the instructions. The DM&HO Prakasam has also mentioned in her letter that as per instructions of the Commissioner, Health & family welfare, she has absorbed 23 DEOs, 21 lab technicians of 104 surplus staff into YSR urban clinics . However, no such orders issued by the Office of Commissioner Health & Family welfare till date.

It is clearly indicate the violation of rules and unilateral decision taken by the DM&HO Prakasam district and leading to legal complications.

Thus, she is liable for disciplinary action.

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
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ANNEXURE —III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAISNT DR.RATNAVALI, DISTRICT MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER, PRAKASAM.

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1. Lr.Rc.No.111/SPMU-NUM/2020, dated:17/02/2021 of the CH&FW, AP.,
2. G.O.Rt.No.331, HM&FW(G1) dated.30.06.2021
3. Note File No.HMF04-11023(31)/30/2021-EST-SEC-CHFW received through e office.

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ANNEXURE —IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST DR.RATNAVALI, DISTRICT MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER, PRAKASAM.

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Nil

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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